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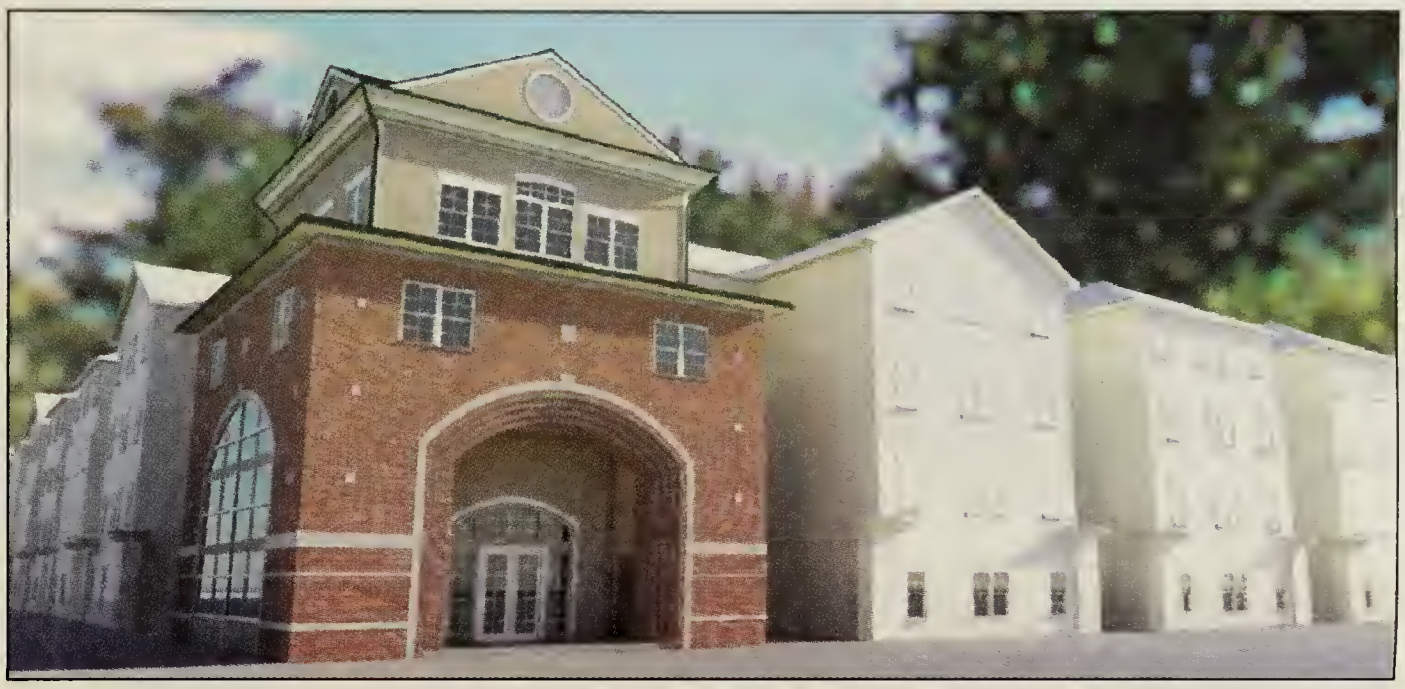
# PUC accepts bids for new UV



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**The new University Village will feature an L-shaped design instead of the current T-shaped design to open up space for recreational space and intramural sports fields.**

Chronicle photo by Brian Bultema

**PUC currently houses 50 students at The Mansards in Griffith due to overflow from the UV.**

**Brian Bultema**
News Editor

The PUC administration accepted bids from contractors on Tuesday last week for the construction of the second University Village.

But the administration plans to award the contract early next week for the new 369-bed residence community that would nearly double the amount of student housing available on campus.

According to Ken Johnston, the vice chancellor for administrative services, the administration received a low bid of $17.8 million, slightly above the expected $16.5 million. He said the university has tentatively accepted one bid, but has not yet decided which contractor will construct the new UV.

Regardless of the contractor, Johnston said the second UV should begin groundbreaking by April and be open for students in June or July 2009.

Wes Lukoshus, assistant vice chancellor for advancement, said a new UV "creates the abilities for the university to go beyond the immediate region's needs."

The new residence halls will be constructed in an L-shape rather than a T-shape and will be located adjacent to the current UV. The new UV will feature 12 two-bedroom apartments and 86 four-bedroom apartments.

Rather than build an identical UV, PUC administration and the Purdue University master plan called for utilizing the open space between the current UV and the National Guard Armory for sports fields.

"The only reason we went with a different design was to use the open space for recreational space and intramural fields," said Johnston. "We were pleased with the results for the T-shaped building, but we need to use that space wisely."

Wes Lukoshus said the lease rates for the second UV and the first will be the same, but he said rates will increase this year from $4,270 per academic year to $4,480 per academic year.

The new UV will increase the number of available beds on campus to 745, moving the university closer to its state-prescribed limit for on-campus housing.

The state of Indiana will not allow PUC to house more than 10 percent of students on campus because of the university's status as a regional university.

The second UV will move PUC significantly closer to this amount.

The Mansards apartment complex in Griffith would likely see decreased use or an ending in their contract with the university with the addition of another UV, according to Johnston.

PUC currently negotiates a contract with The Mansards for the overflow housing needs from the current UV. There are now 50 PUC students living at The Mansards.

Chronicles of a PUC SOLDIER

# A mid-summer night's dream

**Casey Brandon**
Staff Writer

***Staff writer Casey Brandon is currently serving a tour in Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom. Follow future issues of The Chronicle to read about his experiences.***

I wished for this day for six long months.

My plane finally touched down in Atlanta.

So close yet so far to go.

I still had to catch a connecting flight to Chicago Midway Airport. I had been traveling for nearly three days and was impatient to get back home.

Iraq was a distant memory. It was another two-hour flight before I could relax. I decided the only course of action was to down considerable amounts of alcohol on the flight to Chicago.

Wouldn't you?

**Leaving Iraq**

The process of receiving my cherished two weeks off started Dec. 28. My journey would bring me from Baghdad to Kuwait to Shannon, Ireland to Atlanta and then to Chicago. It took nearly four days total.

I must have some great frequent flyer miles by now.

It was a short cargo plane trip


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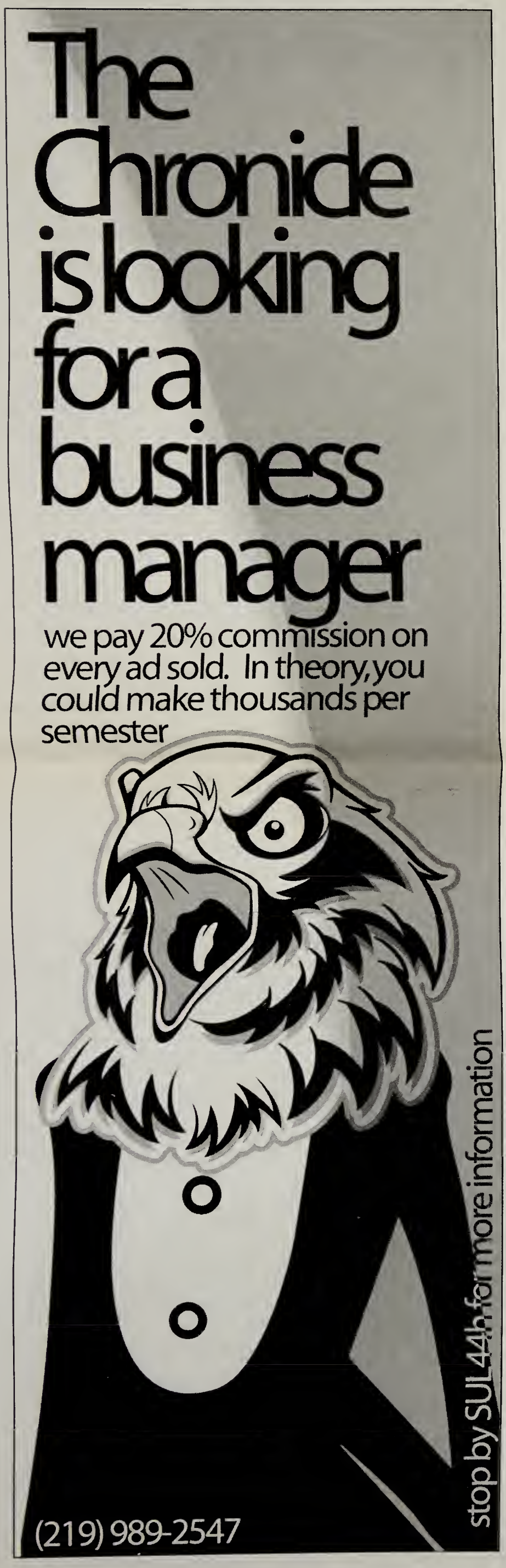
**Casey Brandon hugs his mother at Midway Airport after a flight from Iraq.**




# What's Going On?

## A Look Around...

**MLK Convocation**

PUC will be hosting Richard G. Hatcher, former mayor of Gary, at the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation in Alumni Hall on Jan. 24.

The event will begin at 11 a.m. and will feature a speech by keynote speaker Hatcher. The event will also include excerpts from "Dream Girls," performed by the Gary West Side High School Theatre Guild, a reading from King's "Beyond Vietnam," and a performance by PUC student Ricardo Huizar.

Admission to the event is free and open to the public.

**First Friday Wordsmiths**

The new student organization First Friday Wordsmiths will hold their first meeting of the semester in CLO 214 at 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 1.

All student and faculty writers are encouraged to attend. The Wordsmiths meet the first Friday of every month to discuss topics of interest to creative writers and review written work of those who attend.

For additional information, contact Janine Harrison at 989-2543.

**Diabetes support group**

The PUC Fitness Center is sponsoring a diabetes support group on Jan. 24 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in SUL 301. The group will feature speaker Chris Jensen, a registered dietician and certified diabetes educator, who will speak on the five skills every diabetic needs.

Attendees are asked to register by contacting Martha Lowry at lowry@calumet.purdue.edu.

**Study abroad in China**

The Department of Foreign Languages is sponsoring a trip to Hangzhou, China this summer for students of all majors.

Students taking Chinese philosophy will study at PUC for three weeks then fly to China to study for three weeks. The deadline for registration is Jan. 31.

Contact professor John Rowan at jrowan@calumet.purdue.edu for more information.

**Arthritis exercise class**

The PUC Fitness Center and the Arthritis Foundation are sponsoring a land exercise class for all faculty, staff and students.

The class will be held every Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and will run from Jan. 18 to May 9.

To register for the class, sign up at the Fitness Center front desk or call 989-2175.

**Good morning café**

Student Activities is sponsoring the good morning café. Stop by Student Activities in Calumet Falls in SUL for some hot chocolate or coffee from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Jan. 23.

**International Women's Organization**

The PUC International Women's Organization is hosting their first meeting of the semester on Jan. 25 in Anderson 224 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

All female students and staff are welcome to attend this event.

Refreshments will be served.

**Job fair deadline**

The Office of Career and Leadership Development is sponsoring PUC's annual All Majors Career and Internship Fair on Feb. 8 in the REC Center.

Employers interested in participating have until Jan. 30 to register to participate.

The employer registration fee is $150. Employers wishing to register or obtain additional information should contact the Office of Career and Leadership Development at 989-2600 or careerservices@calumet.purdue.edu.

## Submitting Briefs

Anyone interested in publicizing events, organizations, clubs or departments in "What's Going On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. The Chronicle does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

Please limit submissions to four sentences and include the first and last name of the contact person.

Briefs may be submitted via e-mail at chronicle@calumet.purdue.edu or campus cc: mail - Chronicle or to the newsroom located in the Student Union and Library building, room 344H.

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# Home

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to Kuwait from Baghdad. I was excited to discover after three months that Kuwait was, in fact, still there.

I felt glad to be out of Iraq, even if only for two weeks. My stress level probably visibly shrunk just getting off the plane in Kuwait. I was anxious, relieved and flustered. It was a weird combination, but I'll explain.

I was anxious to be home, anxious to be away from anything military related, anxious to see my family and anxious to see my girlfriend.

I was relieved to be out of Baghdad and relieved I made it through the halfway point in my deployment. I was coming home. Not for good, but nonetheless I would be home.

I was flustered at the amount of tasks needed to be done before I could actually step on a plane to go back home. Briefs needed to be attended, gear needed to be turned in and I needed to clear customs.

It felt like a monumental task.

Finally I was manifested and on my plane headed for home. Over 300 other soldiers were going home, and enthusiasm was abundant. The trip from Kuwait to Ireland to Atlanta proceeded at a snail's pace. I guess that's what happens when someone wants something so badly.

**Arriving in the United States**

Arriving in Atlanta, the entire plane let out a thunderous cheer. It was partly because of the excitement of being in the United States and partly because the pilot was able to land the plane in dense fog.

The pilot, whoever he was, was our hero.

It was weird being back on U.S. soil. I hadn't been home for six months.

It hit me then that I wasn't in a war zone any longer. I was home and safe. I had two weeks to destress. A world awaited me – a world I was anxious to get back to.

The plane ride back to Chicago was pleasant if not impossibly long. I drank only two mixed drinks before the alcohol and fatigue overtook me. I woke up when the wheels touched down in Chicago.

I truly was home upon landing.

My thoughts were on my loved ones as I exited the plane. I thought only a few people would be there to greet me. Little did I know that much of my extended family was there awaiting my homecoming.

It was doubly special for me. I arrived in Chicago on Dec. 31, New Year's Eve, and my birthday. The army gave me a birthday gift; God bless them.

Suddenly, I came down the escalator to see a huge group of people holding signs and yelling my name. It was the most surreal moment of my life.

There was my mother waiting for me, tears streaming down her face. After a long embrace, it was onto my girlfriend who was in also in tears. Then I was mobbed by the rest.

**Finally Home**

My first week of leave didn't go as fast as I thought it would. I was home sleeping in my bed. I could see my girlfriend when I wanted. I could drink alcohol if I wanted. I could stare at a wall for hours on end if I wanted.

I was free and it felt fantastic.

The second week flew by. I guess the first didn't because I felt like the return trip was years away, while the second week I started to feel the time crunch.

I know I did.

**Back to the inevitable**

The two weeks of freedom were good for me. I was getting burned out doing the day-in, day-out tasks that are involved in a deployment. I was able to relax for the first time in months. You don't notice while over in Iraq, but things really are stressful. I was actually getting used to being a civilian again by the end of the two weeks.

Now I find myself sitting on a chair in a hotel in Ireland bound for Iraq. My leave is now behind me and it seems like a mid-winter night's dream.

My return journey has had quite a few problems. The latest one involves the plane breaking down in Shannon and us staying here for 24 hours. I'm okay with this because I'm not in a hurry to get back.

I know Iraq will be there when I finally arrive.

Photo provided

**Casey Brandon's family awaits his return at Midway Airport on Dec. 31. Brandon, a sophomore majoring in history, deployed for Iraq earlier last year.**

## CTIS Connection

*Information Technology Services at Purdue University Calumet*

### Student Computer Login

The Novell (network) Login, shown below, allows you to login to the PUC Campus Network. Logging into the campus network gives you access to network printers and network drives such as your H drive. Your personal network drive, H:, is where you can and should store your data, as this drive is backed up nightly by CTIS

**Username**

Your username is your last name, first initial, followed by a number, typically 1; however this number could be different if someone has the same last name and initial as you. Your username is printed on your class schedule. It can be found in PC STAR (see next page). You can also obtain your username from a consultant in one of the CTIS Computer Labs in the Gyte and Powers buildings.

You will need this username for the following:

- Login to computers on campus
- Access NetMail, your campus e-mail account
- Access Blackboard Vista, Purdue University Calumet's online course instruction application
- Make online service requests to the CTIS Customer Service Center (CSC)

**Password**

Your password is initially set to your eight digit numeric birth date. If you previously changed your password and do not remember it, or are unable to login, you will need to stop by the CTIS Customer Service Center to have your password reset. You will need to bring a picture ID.

**To Login**

To login to the computers on campus, you will type in your username, (see next page), a period, the first letter of your last name, another period, then the word "students."

The table to the right represents two examples of usernames, network logins, and passwords. The examples will refer to the following individuals. Nick Blake, born on July 15, 1983; and John Taylor, born on Decemher 15, 1979.

| Username | Network Login | Password |
|---|---|---|
| blaken1 | blaken1.b.students | 07151983 |
| taylorj1 | taylorj1.t.students | 12151979 |

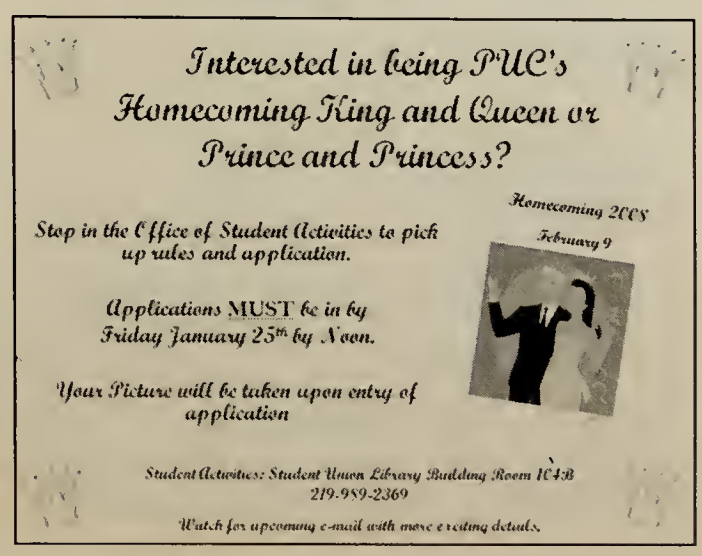
*Note: If you change you password in NetMail, your network login password will also change to the same password.*

www.calumet.purdue.edu/ctis

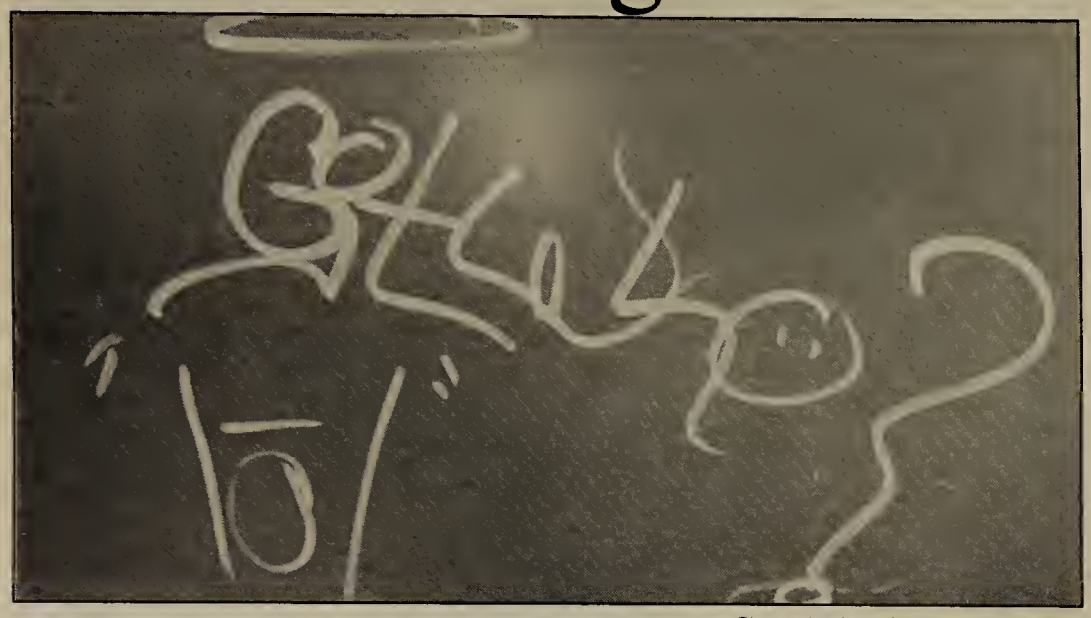
Your feedback on our services is always welcome. Please send your comments to Customer Service Center at csc@calumet.purdue.edu.

### Correction

The correct hours for the Student Health Services Center are Monday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Tuesday, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Thursday, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday, 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for the first friday of every month. The Chronicle regrets this error.



# Bathrooms graffitied



Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

**The graffiti in the Porter Building men's bathroom is one of many found throughout campus.**

**Jessica Figurski**
Chronicle Correspondent

Racial slurs graffitied in campus restrooms were discovered late fall semester, causing slight commotion among faculty and students.

"Such degrading, slanderous and insensitive behavior has no place on our campus and will not be tolerated," Chaddock said in an e-mail distributed to PUC students Jan. 14. "It was morally wrong."

University police is investigating three incidences of graffiti with two containing racial slurs written in multiple campus restrooms in the Potter, CLO and SUL buildings.

He would not disclose the contents of the graffiti.

People need to report this behavior to prevent this from happening again, said Chief Chaddock.

Charity Wysong, a junior PUC student, said she heard about the graffiti, but shrugs off the incident because she is used to seeing it. She said she would only report graffiti if the slur mentioned a name and posed a threat to that individual.

The graffiti has since been removed from restrooms around campus.

It is not often that this sort of thing happens at PUC, said West Lukoshus, assistant vice chancellor for Advancement. He said there is no history to suggest racial graffiti will be an on-going problem.

"The school prides itself on being inviting to students, facility and visitors alike," said Lukoshus.

Any students caught defacing school property will be reported to the Dean of Students, according to Lukoshus. From there, the matter will be handled according to the severity of the crime.

No rewards are being offered regarding these incidents.

If anyone has information, contact PUC Police Department at 989-2220

# Water institute offers BP water discharge solutions

**Shubham Harnal**
Chronicle Correspondent

George Nnanna, of the PUC Water Institute, said he shared the concern of attendees to "Project Update" on Wednesday about British Petroleum's increased water discharge into Lake Michigan.

Nnanna, the interim director of the Water Institute, made a presentation in the Conference Center on "Emerging Technologies and Approaches to Minimize Discharges into Lake Michigan" to a crowd of representatives o f local environmental groups, concerned faculty and students.

He shared information on the team's progress, current challenges and future plans to help BP of Whiting face the technological challenge of balancing growth with environmental responsibility and compliance with regulatory legislation aimed at protecting the Great Lakes.

The event was termed as a community briefing, a part of various efforts underway by experts from PUC and Argonne National Laboratory, in response to an uproar from the region's people against BP's Whiting refinery expansion.

Last summer, BP announced a $3.8 billion expansion of its Whiting refinery to process more Canadian crude oil in order to meet the growing oil demand. Since this would also imply more discharges into Lake Michigan, concerned groups came forward and demanded some action to ensure compliance with environmental standards.

In response, a collaborative project of the PUC Water Institute and Argonne National Laboratory was set up to identify emerging technologies that may be used to control discharges from refinery processes. The team consists of the experts who can help resolve the challenges being faced.

"This (effort) is one of the ways in which everyday science can help us and shows how scientists and engineers can make a difference,"said Norman Peterson, assistant to the director at Argonne Labs.

Another agenda of the event was to inform people about a Web site to keep people updated with information regarding the project.

An open forum after the presentation invited attendees to question why the process was taking so long. Attendees were informed that unlike most research projects taking up to five years, this project is only for two years.

The team refused to comment on any political aspects of the issue, stating that theirs is merely a scientific group, responsible for technical pursuits only.

# Police Blotter

1.3.08 - Fitness Center - 5:45 p.m.
Theft
Under investigation

1.4.08 - Bookstore - 10:30 p.m.
Conversion
Arrest

1.9.08 - Gyte Annex - 3:00 p.m.
Attempted Theft
Under investigation

1.10.08 - Lawshe Hall - 12:30 p.m.
Criminal Trespass
Under investigation

1.14.08 - SULB - 4:20 p.m.
Theft
Under investigation

1.14.08 - Bookstore - 6:15 p.m.
Attempted Theft
Closed

1.15.08 - UV - 1:30 p.m.
Criminal Trespass
Closed

1.17.08 - Fitness Center - 4:30 p.m.
Theft
Under investigation

1.18.08 - UV - 1:25 a.m.
Fire
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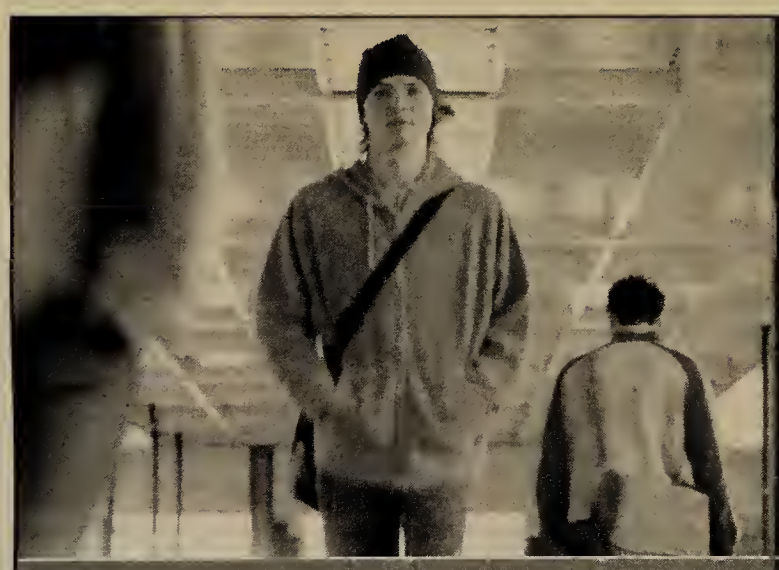

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# Sidestep the book monopoly

**Mike Schaefer**
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Riddle me this: if it's unlawful for Microsoft to charge obscene amounts of money and run a monopoly, how is it remotely ethical for bookstores to charge us near $500 for a set of semester's books.

Survey says ... it's not, and don't even get me started on how much we get reimbursed for selling the books back to the bookstore (5 percent return, anyone?).

As a broke college student, finding the money to shovel out for these books is becoming harder and harder as I get closer and closer to my beautiful degree. I can hear the hamster in your brain turning with "but Suburban Textbooks does a decent job for textbooks". It's cheaper than the campus store, but they're still outrageous and when selling them back, you still don't get nearly enough as you should.

In my student career, being broke from tuition has forced me to come up with a few handy moves to save money and headaches. Here's a few friendly tips on where and how to get books for next-to-dirt cheap:

* Start a book black market with acquaintances in your major. If you are the type to keep your books forever, lend yours out to a buddy who needs it for the semester. Just make sure you get their address down so if they don't give it back at least you know where they sleep.

* Ask around and sell it for a price you feel is right. Chances are your asking price is more than what the bookstores will give you and less than what the stores will sell them used for. Haggle it right and you can make a good chunk of your money back.

* Another solution, personally my favorite, is search online. It always brings a smile to my face to hear that someone bought a book for $140 and I got the same one for about $30.

As far as Web sites go, I have two for you: textbooksrus.com and half.com. Textbooks R Us generally has much better deals on newer books whereas if you don't care the condition, half.com is the better way to go.

A tip that I've learned, make sure you order the books before school starts rather than waiting. Sometimes paying for cheap shipping makes it arrive in about three weeks.

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# Overwhelming success

## The issue: Student housing

## Our opinion: Accommodate The Mansard's student residents before recruiting more for University Village

The administration's ambitious recruiting program of international students is doing nothing but good for PUC. Students who cannot afford to experience another slice of culture or who simply are trying to put their heads in the sand in the Region can no longer avoid globalization.

Now globalization is coming to PUC in the form of international students.

Chancellor Howard Cohen and other administrators and department heads recently made a trip to Oman and have taken trips to China and Indian to grow the number of international students at PUC, according to Assistant Vice Chancellor for Advancement Wes Lukoshus.

The success has been overwhelming. PUC now has over 400 international students, more than quadrupling the number the university had in 2001, Lukoshus said.

Except there is one problem. The University Village only holds 376 students, meaning more than 25 students must find housing elsewhere.

Fortunately, the university has a contract with The Mansards, an apartment complex in Griffith located four miles away from PUC. The university sets aside a group of apartments for students that are located together so more international students can attend PUC until a new UV is built in fall 2009.

Of course, The Mansards are privately owned so the university says it is "not a responsible agent" in the contract between the student and the apartments. Once the apartment is secured and a lease is signed, the university no longer can play a role in the agreement.

Currently there are 50 PUC students living at The Mansards, including more than 25 international students, according to Dean of Students Melinda Dalgarn.

This seems to be a difficult situation for both the administration and international students. The administration wants to continue to grow the program without adequate housing to support the international students and international students, most of whom do not own cars, must live beyond walking distance of the university.

The ambitious goals of the administration to continue to grow the international program may be a little too ambitious. Recruiting students to come to a university without adequate on-campus housing and forcing them to live out of the university setting by signing a contract for housing where the university is not responsible is troublesome.

As long as PUC has only one UV it seems the administration should halt recruiting new international students until the new UV is open.

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# Experience served on a silver platter

**Isabel Rodriguez**
Editor in Chief

Complaints are already heard echoing down the hallways.

No, they aren't the typical complaints about tuition or textbook costs.

It's something students who enrolled prior this semester won't be familiar with.

Yes, some students are complaining about experiential learning as if it's something that will hurt their academic careers.

Give me a break.

PUC implemented experiential learning this spring 2008 as a graduation requirement for all incoming students

If only PUC implemented this wonderful requirement years earlier, many students wouldn't have experienced "difficulties" in finding internships, co-ops and undergraduate research.

Better yet, searching for experiential learning wouldn't be so hard to find. How hard is it really to broaden your horizons and network, keeping mentors and constantly filling out applications?

Little do new students know how easy PUC made it for them. PUC is basically offering experience on a silver platter. Take it from those who know the struggle it does sometimes entail.

Some fellow four-year classmates have yet to even ponder where to get an internship. Now, PUC is the one thinking a little bit ahead for many younger incoming students who could care less other than next week's party. Someone's got to think about your future.

For those who are grateful and somewhat eager to start their experiential learning, kudos to you.

Some say it's pretty stupid, but think about it. It's pretty smart on PUC's part.

How many other institutions around here offer that type of opportunity?

Sure, it's another requirement to bingo sheets but it's sure worthwhile.

It's has to be admitted, PUC does plenty to get students steamed.

But this is definitely not one of them.

Have feedback? Readers can contact Isabel Rodriguez at chronicle_eic @ yahoo.com or (219) 989-2547.

**Have something to say?**

Write us a letter. E-mail us at chronicle@calumet.purdue.edu and be sure to include your name, class, major and a phone number where you can be reached.

# Convert videos easy and hassle free

**Nathyn D. Gibson**
Photo Editor

In the current age of technology, several music players, game systems, and phones have the capability to play videos. However there are multiple types of video formats that can only be played on exclusive devices.

In response are two programs, Ashampoo's Clipfinder and eRightSoft's Super. These programs are both easy to use and free.

Video sharing websites like Youtube, Dailymotion, and Ifilm allow viewers to watch different genres of videos from around the world, but the Web site does not allow viewers to download videos to their computer. This is where having Ashampoo's Clipfinder can be beneficial. Clipfinder gives the user the ability to search and download videos onto their hard drives, as a flash file, so they can be viewed at any time, even without an internet connection. The freeware can be found at ashampoo.com

Once the video is on the computer, it would be nice to be able to place that video on an mp3 player or a phone. It's possible with Super, developed by eRightSoft. Super is capable to convert a video file so it could be played on multiple devices, including the iPod, the Zune, PSP, the Nintendo DS, and multiple cell phones.

Many specifics of the video can also be manipulated. The user can change the size of the video as well as the bitrates. If desired, the visual portion of the video can be disabled and the file could be converted into an mp3.

Not only is this software convenient, but it is also easy to use. All that has to be done is: open up the folder where the file has been placed, drag the file to the converter, and press convert. The program transforms the video into another format.

Super prides itself on being able to convert videos for free, which is nice considering other programs are able to do so, but for a cost. Super can be downloaded www.erightsoft.com/super.

The only problem for both programs is that they are only available for Microsoft Windows at the moment and eRightSoft doesn't appear to be attempting to make a copy for Mac or Linux any time soon.

Both programs are very beneficial for those who like to watch videos on their computer or personal media device, making them very recommendable.

**Check it out:**

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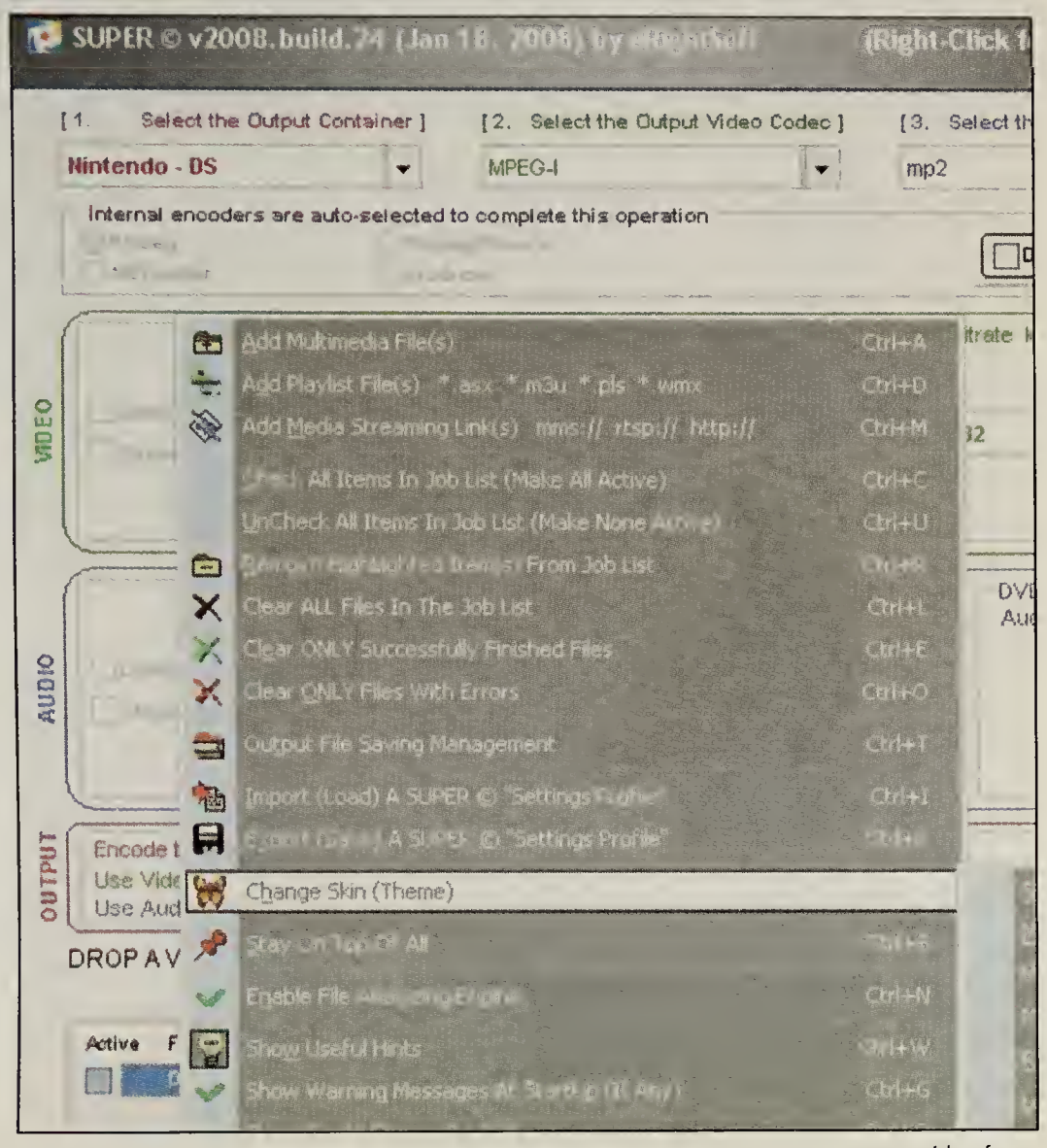


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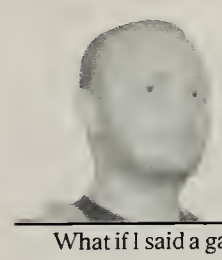
# Pressure in the ratings



**Sean Davis**
Staff Writer

What if I said a game reviewer for a company was fired simply because his review of a game didn't meet standards set by one of the reviewing company's advertisers? What if the advertisers happened to be the publisher of the game in question?

Most people would say that sounds a bit fishy and rightly so.

This happened late last year with Editorial Director Jeff Gerstmann over at Gamespot when his review of "Kane and Lynch" supposedly made game publisher Eidos pull hundreds of thousands of advertising dollars out of Gamespot.

Not only was Jeff fired, but his original review was edited to the point where entire paragraphs were taken out to make the review sound less harsh.

While not proven to be 100 percent true, the entire situation has put Gamespot's reviewing integrity in question and many people have viewed this as an opportunity to more closely look at the relationship between advertisers, game publishers and reviewers.

Controversy has also made its way into printed publication. In issue #199 of Electronic Gaming Monthy, editor-in-chief Dan Hsu claimed that his competitors were exchanging good review scores for advertising contracts.

Game companies can go a long way to make the reviewers happy. When "Doom 3" was released, iD Software flew reviewers in and had them play the game under the best of conditions on the best computers available. While some brown nosing is inevitable, the extremes claimed in the editorial are quite possible and frankly, scary.

More recently, Sony's sports department, Midway's "Mortal Kombat" team, and Ubisoft have refused to give EGM advance copies of its games to preview and review due to low scores and what they apparently feel as unfair reviews.

Hsu says that this won't affect future reviews or previews, that EGM will not treat any of these companies' products differently and that they will cover them "to the best of our own abilities."

Looking at all of this makes me wonder how much control and power publishers may have over reviewers. Obviously EGM pretty much laughed in the face of these companies and will continue to do things however it wants to.

Fortunantly for us it seems that some companies still have the cojones to stand up to threats, be them overt or covert in nature.

# Concerts happening this week

**Wyclef Jean**
House of Blues Chicago, Chicago, IL
Wed, Jan. 23
7:30 p.m.

**The Swellers / Fireworks / Hotel Ahead / Sydney / Cory Phare**
Beat Kitchen, Chicago, IL
Thu, Jan. 24
6:30 p.m.

**Velvet Revolver**
Riviera Theatre, Chicago, IL
Thu, Jan. 24
7:30 p.m.

**Anti-Crew / Ferrison / III Eagle / Man/Droid**
Reggie's Rock Club, Chicago, IL
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8 p.m.

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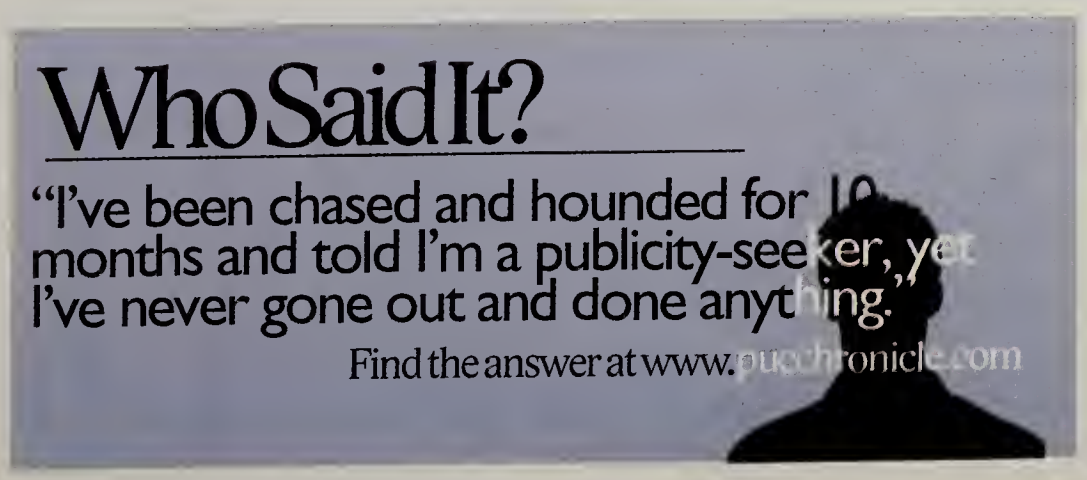


# 'Family Guy' a new hope for an old classic

**Katie Ramsey**
Associate Entertainment Editor

Finally there is a worthy reason to plop in front of the mindless entertainment box. No, they didn't bring back "That 70's Show" – it's even better. Comic genius Seth McFarlane, the creator of "Family Guy", has done it again with "Family Guy: Season 6." Maybe it's because he also shines with his Emmy-winning American comedy, animation, screenwriting, producing, acting, voice acting, and composing according to film.com.

Another accomplishment to add to the list is the Star Wars spoof that has just been released on DVD, "Family Guy: The Blue Harvest." The name "Blue Harvest" is a reference to the title of the film ploy used to ensure secrecy and disguise the actual 1981-1983 production of "Return of the Jedi," according to film.com.

It jumpstarted the sixth season of the show and was aired for a full hour instead of the usual half hour (including commercials), according to Blockbuster.com. It was also made to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Star Wars franchise. Each character portrays one of George Lucas' Star Wars heroes and villains.

Yes, even Meg.

The humor can be better appreciated if one has seen the original Star Wars trilogy, but the Family Guy humor is still present. There's even a new version of the Wacky Waving Inflatable Air Flailing Tube Man, deep space style.

Like all DVDs this one comes with extras. As always is the commentary with McFarlane and various crew members. There is a section dedicated to just the Star Wars references made in other Family Guy episodes and an interview with George Lucas and more.

There are two versions available. There's the typical DVD ($14.99) and the special edition DVD ($24.99) which includes 3-D glasses, a T-shirt, and other goodies. For an extra $10, it is a must have for any die hard fan of Family Guy or Star Wars.

imdb.com

**"Family Guy" Seth McFarlane shines big with the show's season 6 release and "Star Wars" spoof "Family Guy: The Blue Harvest." Stay tuned for plenty of DVD extras.**

5/5 Overall Stars

# Anticipated return of a "Starr" proves worthwhile

**Isabel Rodriguez**
Editor in Chief

It feels like the rebirth of Beatlemania.

Well, not really but close to.

Britain's (and America's) beloved Fab Four makes a spiritual appearance with Ringo Starr's latest album "Liverpool 8" as he chants away the name of his hometown.

Starr debuts his much-anticipated first album with Capital Records since 1974, coming back in full force.

Listeners take a trip down Penny Lane as Starr tastefully shares his nostalgic memories from his Mop Top days.

Inventive yet traditional. Romantic yet charming. It's solid classic "Ringo Rock."

Don't act as if you don't know it.

America welcomes of the return of everyone's favorite drummer as he fills the ears of Beatlemanics with a taste of good ol' Ringo music.

Unlike his other solo albums, Starr has fun sharing and reminiscing his days of Beatlemania with "Liverpool 8" as its felt throughout the album through beats and especially lyrics.

Starr focuses his inspiration with Liverpool, using that catchy, frail deep voice we all know too well.

The ex-Beatle's universal theme of love, peace and happiness for his solo albums continues to shine through with tracks "For Love" and "Thinking of You."

With lyrics reading " well there may be many times/ we know the sun will always shine/ I am your and you are mine/ we do it all, for love" proves the 67- year-old still has his cheesy expressions on cue.

It proves he still hasn't lost his touch, too.

Starr attempts to mimic an early '69 psychedelic Beatles through "Gone are the Days" with use of jumbled percussions and snide beats during its introduction.

A listener can't help but fall in a daze Starr first placed us in nearly 44 years.

Yes, it's been that long.

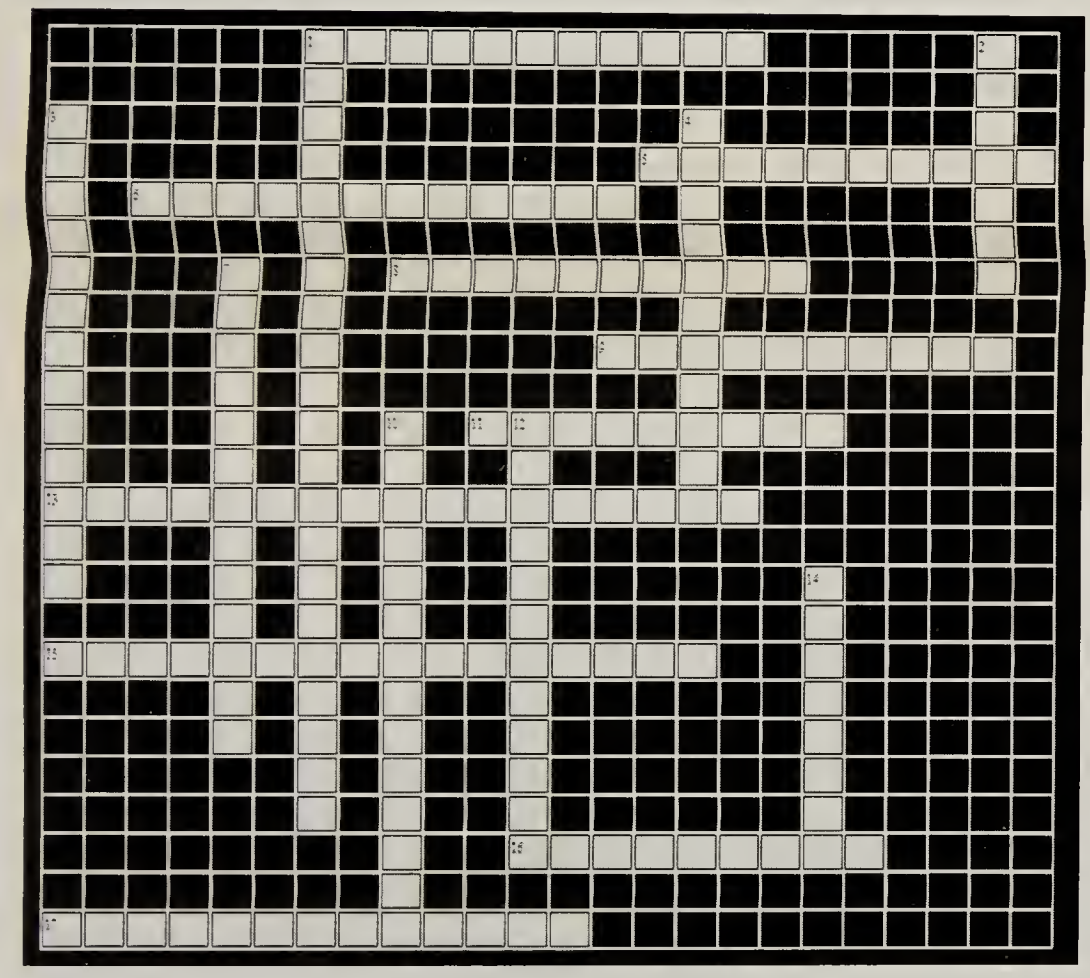
Tracks on "Liverpool 8" are likely to become old favorites, just as "Photograph" from "Ringo" (also re-released on "The Very Best of Ringo Starr".)

"Liverpool 8" is traditional Ringo Music, but what's life without some comforting '69 peace and love?

amazon.com

**Ringo Starr's "Liverpool 8" released Jan. 15 after much anticipation from critics and fans.**

4/5 Overall Stars



## Cover Songs

### Across

1 Q101 introduced Chicagoland listeners to this artist's cover of Rihanna's "Umbrella"
5 LeAnn Rimes and Trisha Yearwood were both nominated in the same category for this song
6 The Red Hot Chili Peppers covered this Stevie Wonder classic
8 In 2006, this band got a lot of radio play with their cover "Time After Time"
9 This artist won a Grammy for his album "Unchained"
11 Metallica released this album, featuring covers of songs by Lynyrd Skynyrd, Bob Seger, and Thin Lizzy
13 At the 2004 Grammy Awards, this Beatles' song was covered by artists including Billie Joe Armstrong and Bono
15 This band is currently on the Billboard charts for their cover of Dio's "Holy Diver"
16 On The Number Twelve Looks Like You's 2005 record, they cover this song, origanally made famous by The Knack
17 The Fugees' "Killing Me Softly" was originally recorded by this artist

### Down

1 The La's wrote "There She Goes,"
but the track became more popular when this band covered it 10 years later
2 During their MTV Unplugged, this band did a cover of David Bowie's "Man Who Stole The World"
3 On the Donnie Darko soundtrack, you can hear "Mad World" by Gary Jules, but the song was originally done by
4 During half time of Super Bowl XLI, Prince performed "Best of You" originally performed by
7 In 1993, Axl Rose of Guns and Roses recieved criticism for the
cover of "Look at Your Game, Girl" which is a song written by this cult leader
10 This band's album "Emotive" contains songs originally done by performers like John Lennon, Devo, and Marvin Gaye
12 Michael Jackson's "Smooth Criminal" that was "out of this world"
14 Jemi Hendrix's classic, "All Along The Watchtower" was originally performed by this man

## Sudoku

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**January 21**
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**January 22**
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# Losing streak stops at 11

## Linsey Smith, Meme Harris combine for 48 to help break losing streak

**Jeremy Homan**
Assistant Sports Editor

Wins have been scarce for the Lady Peregrines this season, but they picked up their fourth win of the season Saturday against the Calumet College of St. Joseph Crimson Wave, 89-64.

The win stopped an 11-game skid over the past two months of play for the Peregrines.

"It feels real good [to get a win],"said freshman guard Meme Harris.

The Peregrines (4-17, 1-2 CCAC) controlled the majority of the game, despite only having six players.

"It was real tough rotating in fresh girls, but they did a great job with it," said head coach Tom Megyesi.

Linsey Smith had the team high scoring honors for the sixth time this season. She finished with a double-double with 26 points and 13 rebounds. She was also 4 of 5 from the three-point line.

Smith is the team leader in points with an average of 14.7 per game and in three-point shooting.

The Peregrines led by 11 at halftime and never relinquished their lead. They came out from halftime on a 20-9 run to gain complete control of the game.

"I think we played real good and with a lot of determination and energy, despite the fact we had six players," said Harris, who finished with 21 points and nine assists.

Four players finished the game in double digits, including freshman Chrissy Lobodinski with 16 and sophomore Sara Keilman with 18.

The Crimson Wave (2-17, 0-3 CCAC) struggled on the floor all night, shooting only 38 percent for the game. Guard Lecreia Hudson, who scored a game high 30 points, led the Wave.

The Peregrines dominated inside scoring with 52 points compared to the Waves 28 points in the paint.

"We came to with the energy we needed tonight to get the win. We played 40 full minutes tonight and that's what we need night in and night out," said Megyesi. "We need to stay competitive this last stretch of conference play."

Chronicle Photo by Rick Balutewicz
**Senior Linsey Smith attempts a bounce pass across the lane in the Lady Peregrine victory.**

# Judson beats Peregrines

**Ryan Metz**
Sports Editor

The men Peregrines lost on the road to Judson College 80-56 on Wednesday night in Elgin, Ill.

PUC (2-16, 0-2 CCAC) came running out of the gates to begin the game and took a seven-point lead, 11-4, in the first five minutes at Judson.

However, PUC got behind at halftime to the Eagles 40-29. With 12:45 left in game, Judson had a seven point lead and went on a 13-6 run over the final six minutes for 14-pt lead. Judson doubled PUC's points in the paint, 44-22.

### Women's recap

The women from PUC got beat 81-61 on the road to the Eagles of Judson College Wednesday night.

The Peregrines trailed by only seven, 37-30, at the half. Four PUC players were in double figures.

The Peregrines (3-17, 0-2 CCAC) were down to Judson 41-34, when the Eagles took a 22-5 run over the final six minutes in the second half to take a 24-pt lead, 63-39.

Everyone who dressed for Judson scored in the game. Judson had 20 fast break points to the Peregrines four.

Judson had 21 points off of PUC turnovers.

Judson held PUC to just 37 percent from the floor, 20 percent from 3-point range and 69 percent from the charity stripe.

**Men Jan. 16**
**PUC 56 Judson 80**

| PUC | FG | REB | PT |
|---|---|---|---|
| 30 Williams, R. | 0/1 | 2 | 0 |
| 33 Cruz, C. | 6/12 | 5 | 19 |
| 54 Thomas, K. | 4/8 | 1 | 9 |
| 22 Patton, M. | 2/6 | 10 | 7 |
| 31 McNeal, A. | 3/5 | 2 | 8 |
| 12 Collins, J. | 2/10 | 12 | 4 |
| 20 Krstevski, K. | 1/7 | 2 | 3 |
| 23 Elabed, J. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 25 Sheriff, M. | 0/0 | 0 | 0 |
| 42 Hurt, A. | 4/12 | 5 | 8 |
| 32 Latimore, J. | 0/1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Team** | 22/62 | 42 | 56 |
| **Judson** | **FG** | **REB** | **PT** |
| 34 Gonnam, J. | 7/9 | 10 | 17 |
| 42 Bojanic, I. | 7/23 | 14 | 9 |
| 20 Williams, S. | 4/13 | 2 | 11 |
| 22 Robinson, D. | 0/4 | 2 | 0 |
| 32 Boyd, J. | 3/4 | 4 | 12 |
| 30 Ream, A. | 2/2 | 1 | 6 |
| 40 Carlson, B. | 1/1 | 0 | 2 |
| 50 Oates, C. | 5/12 | 7 | 11 |
| 52 Keohling, M. | 1/2 | 0 | 2 |
| Team | 30/70 | 43 | 80 |

**Women Jan. 16**
**PUC 61 Judson81**

| PUC | FG | REB | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|
| 40 Dugan, S. | 7/10 | 8 | 16 |
| 44 Smith, L. | 1/11 | 5 | 10 |
| 12 Harris, J. | 4/14 | 1 | 12 |
| 22 Lobodinski, C. | 5/9 | 4 | 13 |
| 32 Keilman, S. | 2/4 | 3 | 7 |
| 10 Enright, N. | 0/4 | 4 | 0 |
| 24 Robinson, C. | 1/2 | 1 | 3 |
| Team | 20/54 | 31 | 61 |
| **Judson** | **FG** | **REB** | **PTS** |
| 23 Henderson, D. | 5/16 | 12 | 12 |
| 32 Rovertoni, A. | 7/14 | 11 | 19 |
| 11 Freistad, K. | 3/6 | 8 | 6 |
| 13 Johns, K. | 6/10 | 3 | 14 |
| 24 Rosenbaum, H. | 5/12 | 4 | 13 |
| 12 Goodall, C. | 4/9 | 3 | 9 |
| 43 Romao, N. | 1/1 | 2 | 4 |
| 45 Plantz, C. | 2/4 | 6 | 4 |
| Team | 33/72 | 50 | 81 |

# Mr. Pierogi scores big with home crowd

Chronicle Photo by Rick Balutewicz
**Local entertainer Mr. Pierogi, of the Whiting, Ind., challenged the Peregrine mascots in a shot contest.**

## Upcoming Intramural Sports

Saturday, Jan. 26
Boating Basics Course
(10 a.m.)

Monday, Jan. 28
Intramural Dodgeball
(7:30 p.m.)

Tuesday, Jan. 29
Air Hockey Tournament
(6:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, Jan. 30
Intramural Dodgeball
(7:30 p.m.)

Thursday, Jan. 31
Intramural Soccer
Deadline
Rock,Paper,Scissors
Tournament
(7 p.m.)

Friday, Feb. 1
Intramural Bowling

Saturday, Feb. 2
Boating Basics
(10 a.m.)

Stay updated on latest PUC sports at www.pucchronicle.com

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# The year of the diaper dandies

**Joe Wielosinski**
Staff Writer

If 40 is the new 30, then freshman is the new senior.

This season of college basketball has seen all-conference worthy performances by freshman players, which has to have NBA general managers salivating at the thought of drafting one of the young stars.

Indiana University standout Eric Gordon has been extremely impressive during his first year, averaging 23 points per game. He has helped lead the Hoosiers to a 16-1 record and tied for first place in the Big Ten, alongside Wisconsin.

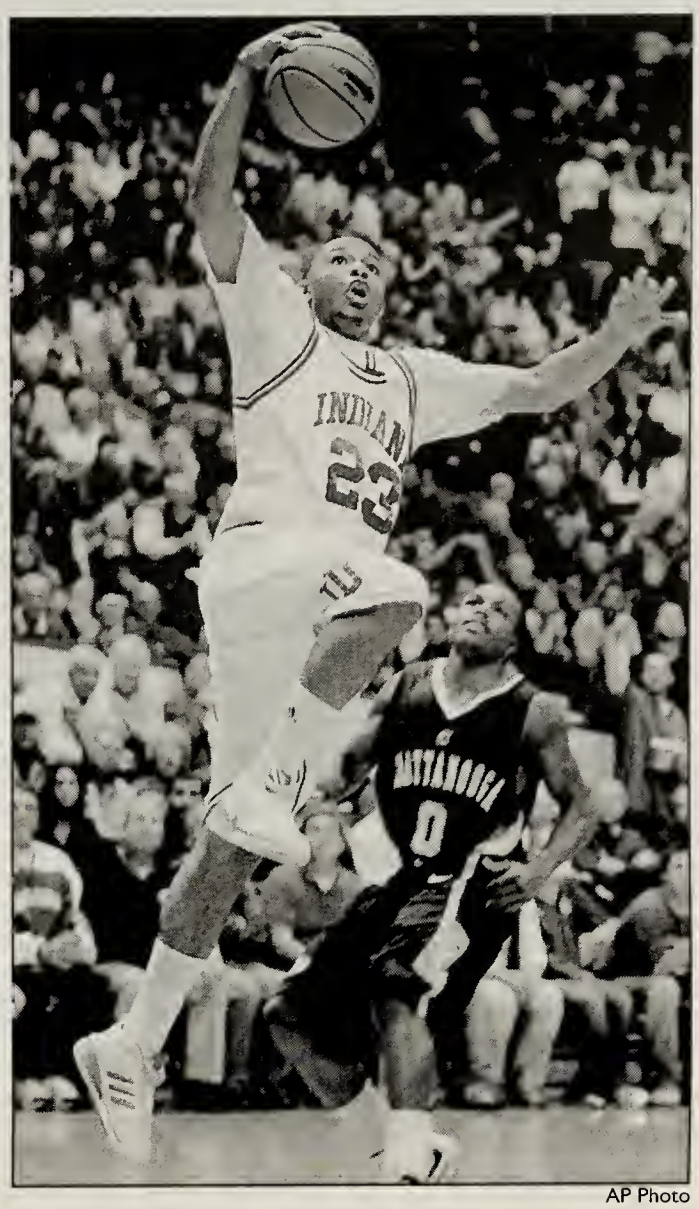
What may be even more impressive for the young man are the nicknames he has been given, "The Real 23" and "Air Gordon," both obvious references to former Chicago Bulls legend Michael Jordon.

Memphis point guard Derrick Rose (a graduate of Simeon Vocational High School on the south side of Chicago) is being compared to current NBA stars Jason Kidd and Dwayne Wade, of the New Jersey Nets and Miami Heat respectively.

Rose is averaging 14.7 points per game, along with 4.3 assists and four rebounds. He currently is in the top five in all offensive categories for the Tigers.

Memphis is ranked number one in the country in both the Associated Press and Coaches Poll. With a 17-0 record, Rose may be the key part to a Memphis run at the national championship.

With high school basketball being a year-around sport due to AAU participation, the players are more ready than ever to compete at the next level.



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**Indiana freshman guard Eric Gordon is leading the Hoosiers in scoring as the team is off to their best start in 17 years.**

Kansas State forward Michael Beasley is averaging 25 points and 13 rebounds, making him one of the most dominating players in the game. Various insiders are already projecting the young man to be a top five pick in this year's NBA draft.

University of Southern California standout O.J. Mayo can't be forgotten in the list of freshman stars. Despite a 1-3 record for USC in the Pac-10, Mayo is getting national coverage, likely due to his 20 points a game which leads all Trojan players.

# Lady Peregrines are a dissapointment

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Disappointing.
Underachieved.
Unexpected.

These words help put into perspective the season of the women's basketball team.

This is a team that went 6-26 last season was set to improve this season with new recruits.

Now off to a dismal 4-17 start, the Peregrines are looking at a repeat of last year. This was supposed to be a rebound year with a new coach and a new attitude. This team was supposed to win more than their six games last season, possibly double their win total.

Where to point the finger first? First look at the performance of the team. They are giving up an average of over 86 points per game and losing by an average of just over 18. They are shooting an unacceptable 39 percent from the field and turning the ball over an average of 24 times per game. The four teams the Peregrines claimed victory against were IIT, Ashford University, Goshen College and their most recent against Calumet College of St. Joseph, have a combined record of 24-47, which is nothing special.

Only two Peregrines are averaging in double figures, senior Linsey Smith 14.7 PPG and freshman Jamesha Harris 13.8 PPG.

It's no wonder fans besides the player's parents don't come to the games. Thankfully admission is free for students otherwise they should be getting paid to watch this team play.

The players can't be at fault for the nightmare season.

Head coach Tom Megyesi is doing about as good a job as Cam Cameron did with the Miami Dolphins this season. Odds are what happened to Cameron won't happen to Megyesi and that is being fired after his first season as coach. Megyesi should have never been hired in the first place. He is a former high school coach with no previous collegiate coaching experience prior to this season.

The athletic department has no one to blame but themselves for this season. They took the easy way out in hiring Megyesi. Instead of going out and looking for a real coach with college experience, they hired an old high school coach.

The recruits all came from the Region. Instead of going out and looking for players that can contribute all around, they signed players that anywhere else wouldn't see much of the court.

Even after his first season, Megyesi should get the boot out and a new coach with college experience should be hired so we can start over in 2008-09, but the reality is Megyesi will be coaching next season.

With nine games remaining, five at home, the Peregrines will be lucky to match their win total from last year.

Hopefully the athletic department has promotional nights planned for the last five home games to take attention away from the disaster happening on the court.

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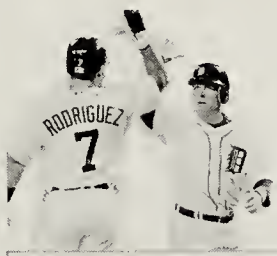


Ryan Metz's
# Weekly High Five

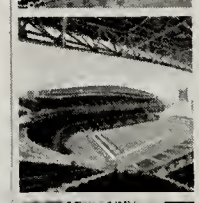
## 1 Lambeau Field

Opened in 1957, Lambeau Field is the holy grail for all of Green Bay, Wis. which populates just over 100,000 people. Frigid weather doesn't stop the cheeseheads from arriving early and preparing for sharing touchdown celebrations in the stands with players.

## 2 Arrowhead Stadium

Home games have been sold out in Kansas City, Mo. since 1991. With the scent of delectable barbeque in the air and fans' bodies painted all in red, Chief fans are known for causing opposing offenses trouble at the line because of noise.

## 3 Qwest Field



Qwest Field has earned a reputation as arguably the loudest stadium in the NFL. Seahawks owner Paul Allen had the architects design the structure of the stadium, especially the roof, to direct as much crowd noise as possible on the field.

## 4 Oakland Coliseum

The Raider Nation is also known for the "Black Hole," a specific area of the Coliseum frequented by the team's rowdiest and most fervent fans. The highly recognizable group of fans who occupy one end zone seating zone during games are known to heckle opposing teams.

## 5 Humphrey Metrodome

The Viking stadium roof is two layers of Teflon that is supported by the stadium's air pressure . Speculation by opposing teams has always been that the Vikings have added noise through the loud speakers artificially.

NATIONAL LAMPOON SPORTS MINUTE ONSO

The Bejing Olympic torch will make an appearance in Tiananmen Square, before being crushed by a tank.

Knicks coach Isiah Thomas has said that all of his players are "untouchable." Much like plague victims and lepers. Despite this, Thomas believes that the women in the organization are plenty touchable.

New Jersey Net Jason Kidd is having a child with his girlfriend. Kidd is excited to be credited with the assist.

Congress called a special hearing to tell Major League Baseball to crack down on steroids. Because they've really got that whole war issue wrapped up.

Sprinter Marion Jones has been sentenced to six months in prison. But with her speed, she'll be out in three.

And double-amputee sprinter Oscar Pistorius has said he will appeal his ban from competing in the Beijing Olympics. It's nice to hear he's still stumping for change. It's a nice gesture, but legally the guy doesn't have a leg to stand on. When reached for comment, Pistorious said, "arrrrr!"

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# Peregrines ride Wave to victory

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The sweet smell of pierogi, polish sausage, and victory was in the air as the Peregrines defeated the Calumet College of St. Joseph Crimson Wave 78-67 last Saturday afternoon in the REC Center gym.

The Peregrines (3-16, 1-2 CCAC) entered the second half of the game trailing by five points, but they went on an offensive tear, outscoring the Crimson Wave by 16 points in the second.

PUC received a lot of help from big men Kevin Thomas and Charlez Cruz. Thomas led the Peregrine offense with 20 points, while Cruz put up 17 points to go a long with seven rebounds.

Michael Patton led all PUC players in rebounds, with a total of eight.

Head Coach Grayling Gordon was more than satisfied with the victory.

"They did what they had to do to come back. I feel that our upperclassmen, like Thomas, Cruz, and Kris Krstveski, they had a lot to do with our victory this afternoon," he said.

This win was the first for the Peregrines in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Freshman guard Wilfredo Escobar led the Crimson Wave (12-8, 2-2 CCAC) with 20 points. Center Tom Radtke led the team with 13 rebounds.

The crowd at the game was treated to a special "Piergoi Day," with an appearance by Mr. Pierogi of Whiting. He competed in a free throw contest at halftime agents Peregrine mascots Victor and Pride.

The Peregrines next home game is Wednesday, Jan. 23 against sister school Purdue North Central. The game promotion will be "Pure Purdue Day," with various Purdue souvenirs being given away throughout the game. Tip off is at 7 p.m.

Men
PUC 89 Cal College 64

| PUC | FG | REB | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|
| 54 Thomas, K. | 7/11 | 4 | 20 |
| 12 Collins, J. | 2/7 | 1 | 6 |
| 22 Patton, M. | 3/6 | 8 | 7 |
| 31 McNeal, A. | 3/9 | 7 | 9 |
| 33 Cruz, C. | 8/14 | 7 | 17 |
| 20 Krstevski, K. | 3/8 | 2 | 7 |
| 23 Elabed, J. | 0/0 | 0 | 0 |
| 25 Sheriff, M. | 0/0 | 1 | 0 |
| 30 Williams, R. | 0/2 | 1 | 0 |
| **32 Latimore, J.** | 1/3 | 3 | 2 |
| **42 Hurt, A.** | 3/3 | 3 | 10 |
| **Team** | 30/63 | 43 | 89 |
| **Cal College** | **FG** | **REB** | **PTS** |
| 12 Anderson, A. | 5/8 | 9 | 11 |
| 50 Radtke, T. | 4/6 | 13 | 9 |
| 3 McConnell, W. | 4/7 | 5 | 9 |
| 5 Phelps, M. | 4/10 | 4 | 11 |
| 31 Escobar, W. | 6/13 | 1 | 16 |
| 12 Hall, Z. | 0/0 | 0 | 0 |
| 23 Burkholder, K. | 4/15 | 0 | 11 |
| 33 Contos, J. | 0/4 | 2 | 0 |
| 40 Irby, A. | 0/1 | 0/0 | 0/0 |
| Team | 27/64 | 35 | 67 |

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**PUC guard Kris Krstevski shoots the three point shot over Calumet College's Waybon McConnell. Krstevski finished with seven points, four assists and two rebounds in the victory.**


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